

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, 1918, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Friday, (1918) My darling Alec:

Your telegram was a great comfort. I hated to think of you anywhere else than in your own study.

I'm torn asunder, I want to see you, and I am afraid of everything, your staying and your returning. The flue is here in Baddeck in greater force than ever. All the Telegraph House is down with it and Gerald is threatened with pneumonia. His wife is ill too, was ill when her baby came, but I believe they are doing all right. Every one here is well.

The H.D. IV made a new high record this morning, 47 — which however is not what Casey was hoping for. I am going down now to see if he will do better this afternoon.

Capt Burke of the Blue Hill is down with the flue, and she only goes once a day, and this morning she wouldn't stay for the Sydney train by which Kathleen was expecting her famous friend, so she had to go after her in the Rango, and I guess Casey was a little troubled as she had to go through some ice. Polly and I drive with them this evening.

Don't offer to bring the H.D. down, we couldn't possibly afford the expense which Casey says would be very great, you remember all he said was that it could be done. I don't think he is in favor of it, certainly not in making a new machine anywhere else than here.

I miss you awfully.

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Much love to you and all, Your Mabel.